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Mr. Johnson:

Certain pitfalls of our present course of action in not witnessing the actual departure of the missiles from Cuba has been studied in State. Of particular interest is paragraph 3. As described to you previously, the possibility in the last statement in that paragraph is of serious concern to the Defense Department, not so much for bargaining value, but for the threat which could be reassembled practically overnight.

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